

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1442
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
FACILITIES AT NAGPUR FOR HAJ PILGRIMS
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Muslim pilgrims go to Macca for Haj every year from Vidarbha;
- (b) if so, whether the provision of embarkation and other elementary facilities are not available in Nagpur; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to provide the same during the next Haj Yatra (2001-2002)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No, Sir. Only a limited number of pilgrims from Vidarbha go for Haj every year. For Haj 2001, 1407 pilgrims have proceeded from Vidarbha out of 10,800 pilgrims from the State of Maharashtra and a grand total of approximately 71,000 under the auspices of the Central Haj Committee from the country as a whole.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.